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When the Carol Corps were ordered to destroy an unidentified--and seemingly harmless--boat, Captain Marvel became suspicious of her commanding officer's motives.

Just as missiles were released, Carol's suspicions were confirmed when a man appeared on the ship's deck! Racing into the wreckage, Captain Marvel managed to save the sailor.

Now she is determined to learn what other secrets are being kept from her.

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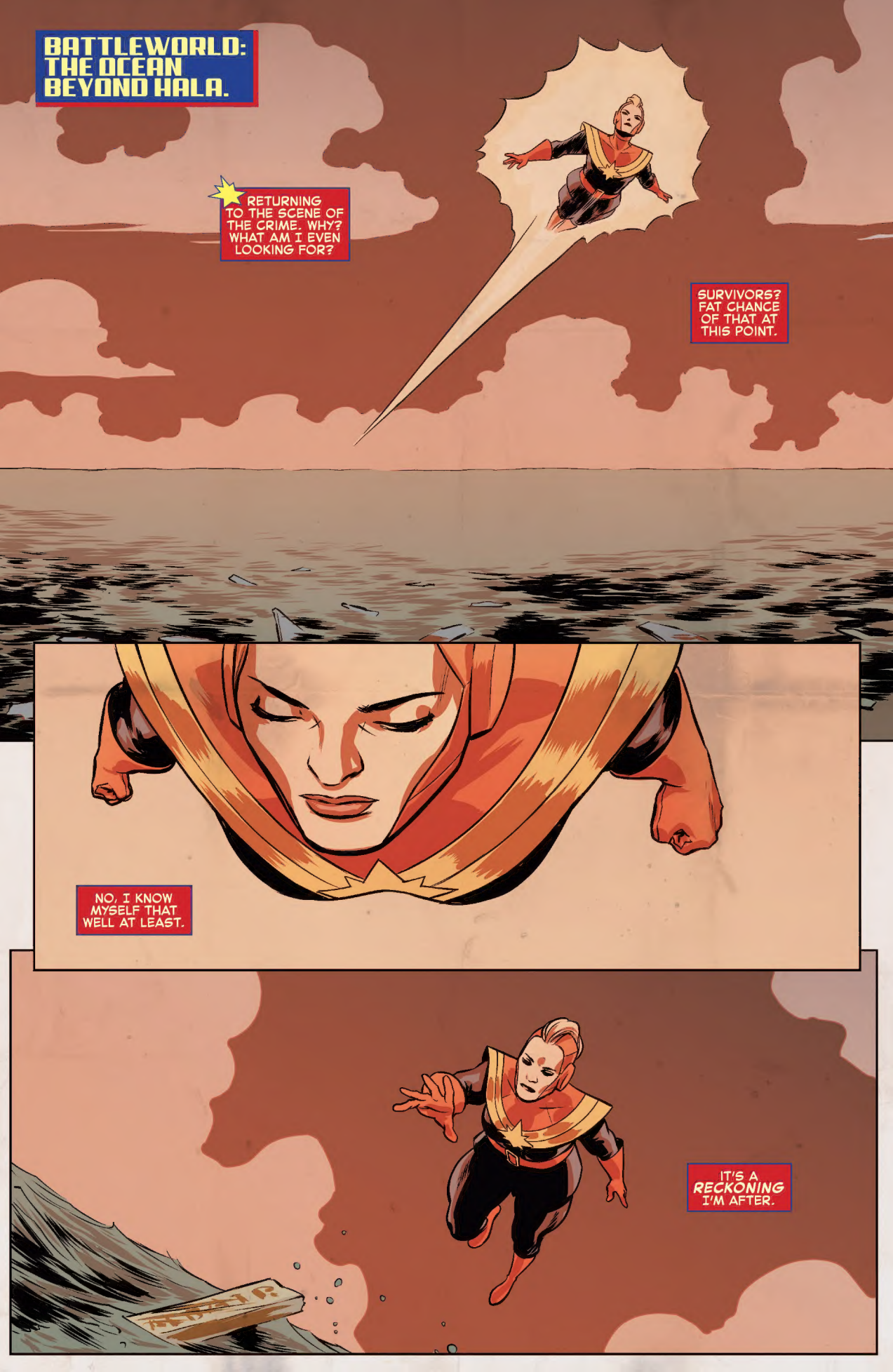
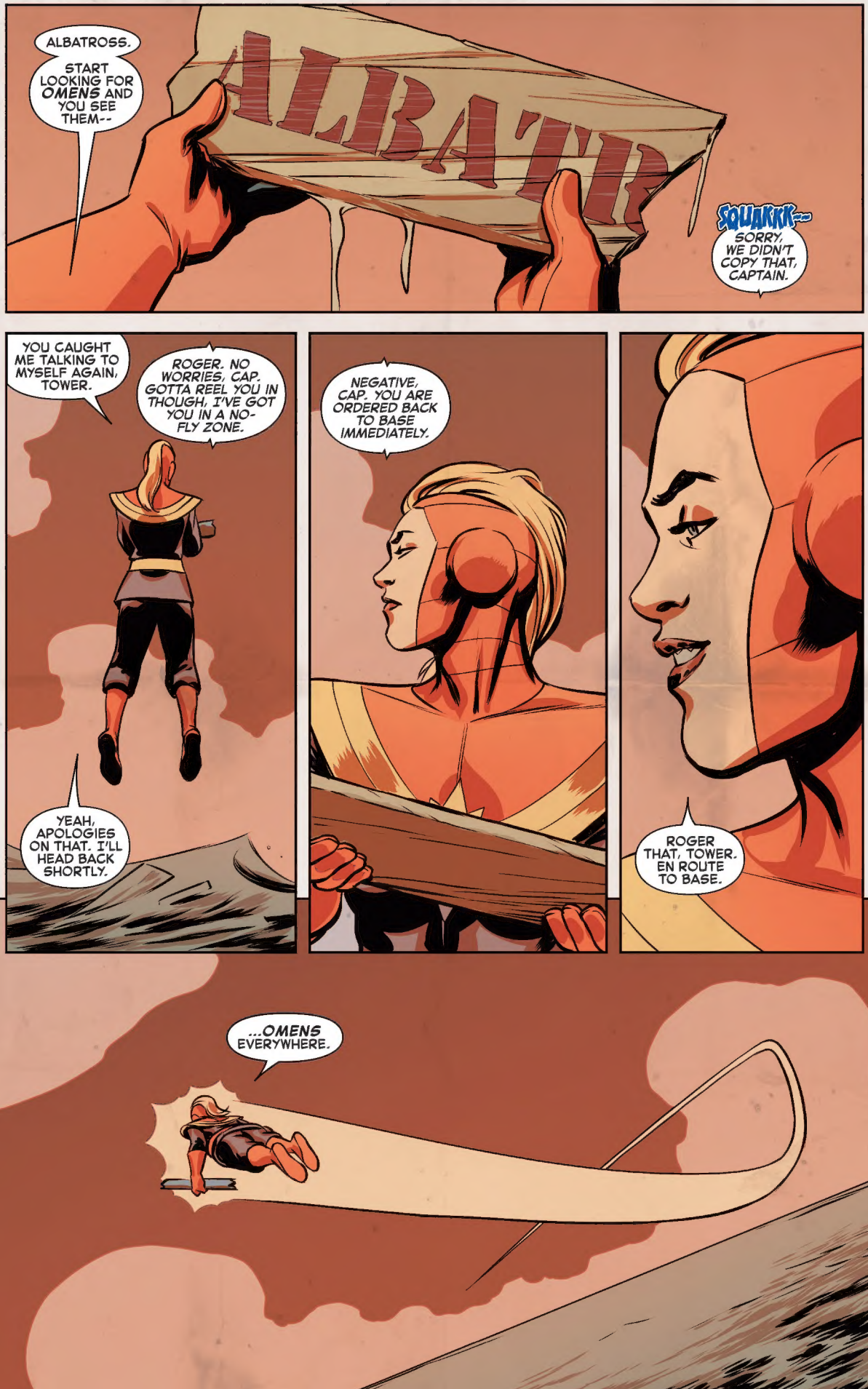

BATTLEWORLD: THE OCEAN BEYOND HALA.
RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME. WHY? WHAT AM I EVEN LOOKING FOR?
SURVIVORS? FAT CHANCE OF THAT AT THIS POINT.
NO, I KNOW MYSELF THAT WELL AT LEAST.
IT'S A RECKONING I'M AFTER.


ALBATROSS.
START LOOKING FOR OMENS AND YOU SEE THEM--
ALBATR
SQUAKK--
SORRY, WE DIDN'T COPY THAT, CAPTAIN.
YOU CAUGHT ME TALKING TO MYSELF AGAIN, TOWER.
ROGER. NO WORRIES, CAP. GOTTA REEL YOU IN THOUGH, I'VE GOT YOU IN A NO-FLY ZONE.
YEAH, APOLOGIES ON THAT. I'LL HEAD BACK SHORTLY.
NEGATIVE, CAP. YOU ARE ORDERED BACK TO BASE IMMEDIATELY.
ROGER THAT, TOWER. EN ROUTE TO BASE.
...OMENS EVERYWHERE.

HOW IS HE, JO?
NOT GREAT.
GIVE US A MINUTE, WOULD YOU?
IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR ME IF YOU COULD WAKE UP AT SOME POINT.
C'MON. GIVE A GAL A BREAK, SAILOR.
KOFF CAPTAIN.
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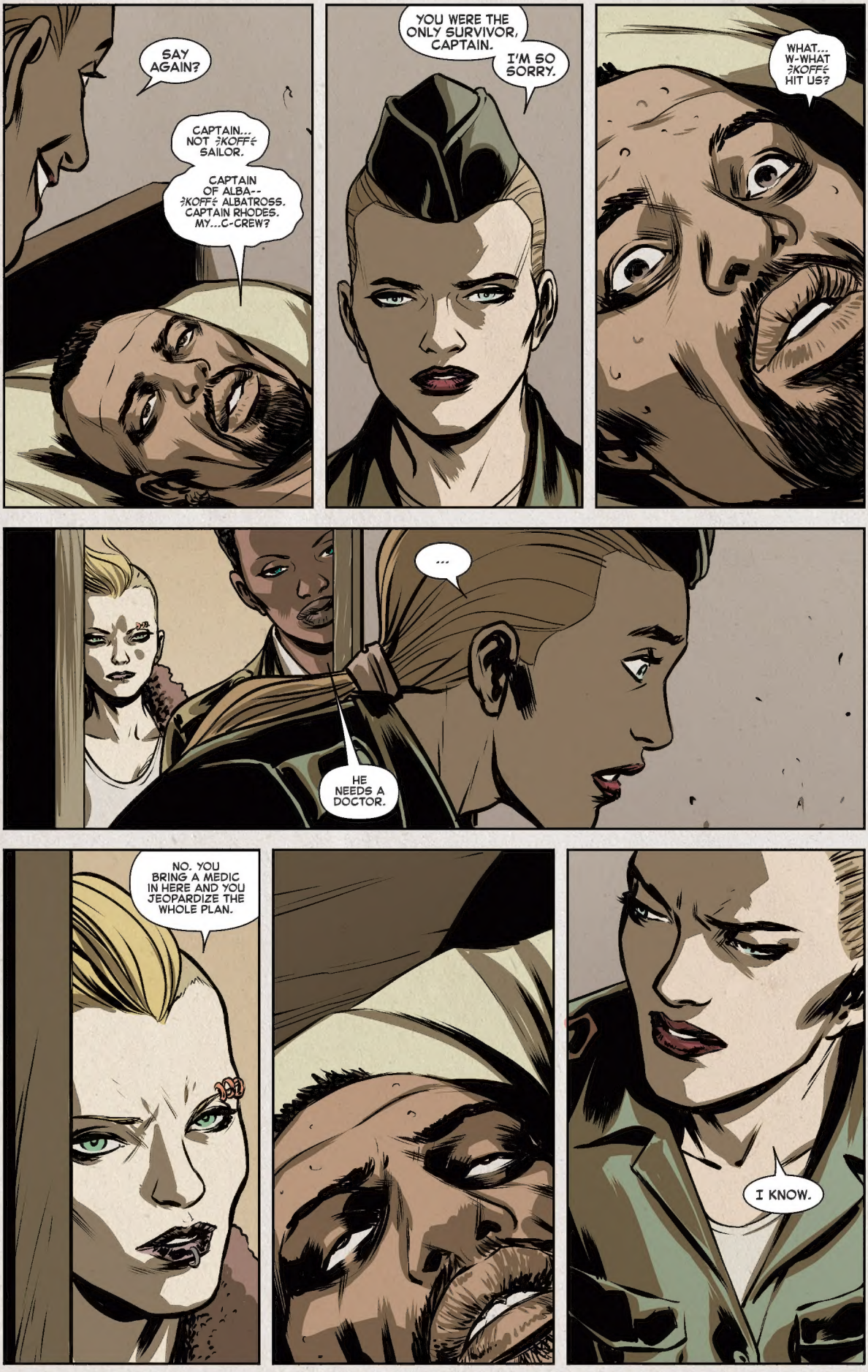
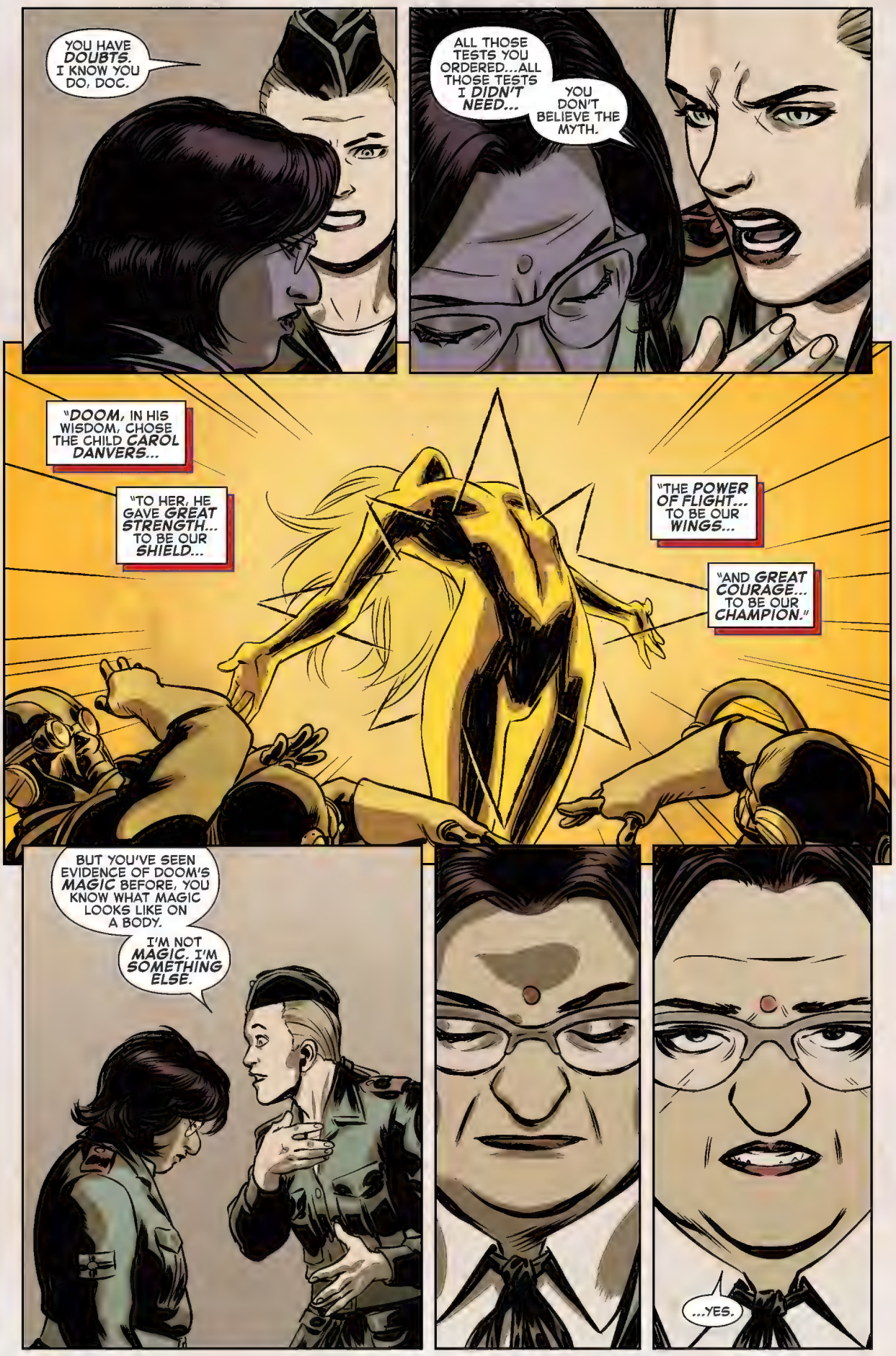

SAY AGAIN?
CAPTAIN... NOT ;KOFF; SAILOR.
CAPTAIN OF ALBA-- ;KOFF; ALBATROSS. CAPTAIN RHODES. MY...C-CREW?
YOU WERE THE ONLY SURVIVOR, CAPTAIN.
I'M SO SORRY.
WHAT... W-WHAT ;KOFF; HIT US?
...
HE NEEDS A DOCTOR.
NO. YOU BRING A MEDIC IN HERE AND YOU JEOPARDIZE THE WHOLE PLAN.
I KNOW.

DOC...!
I SAID I WAS BRINGING MY BAG IN THE HOPES YOU'D LET ME CHECK YOUR INJURY FROM THE BLAST.
THE CARD GAME STORY DIDN'T COVER IT?
WHO WOULD BRING A MEDICAL BAG TO A CARD GAME?
YOU WOULD.
TRUE.
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT...

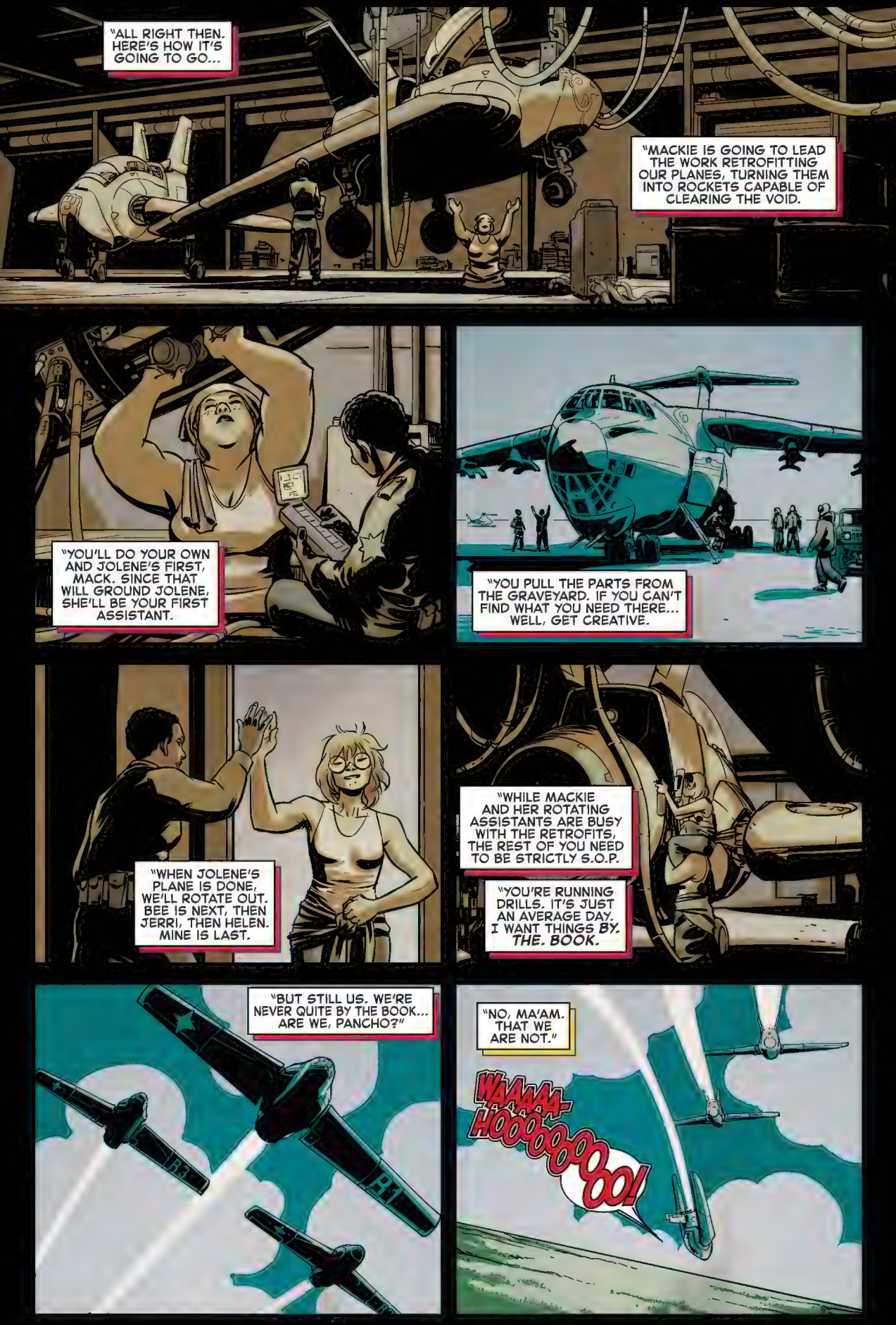
LADIES, DR. NAYAR.
ALL RIGHT, WHO'S FEELING...
...LUCKY...?
THIS IS A MISTAKE.
YOU WANT TO LET HIM DIE, HELEN?
...
ME EITHER.
SO UNLESS YOU HAVE SOMETHING HELPFUL TO ADD, TAKE WATCH.

ARE THERE OTHERS?
NO, JUST THIS ONE.
JUST THIS ONE THAT SURVIVED.
THE BRIEF SAID IT WAS AN ULTRON SHIP.
HE LOOK LIKE AN ULTRON TO YOU?
NO. NO, HE DOESN'T.
HE'S FIGHTING AN INFECTION. I'M LEAVING YOU ANTIBIOTICS FOR HIM, BUT THAT DOESN'T SOLVE THE GREATER PROBLEM...
...OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH HIM WHEN HE'S ON HIS FEET AGAIN. THIS IS NOT A PUPPY. THIS IS A PERSON-- A MAN.
CAROL, PATCHING UP SOMEBODY THAT GOT INTO AN OFF-BASE BRAWL AND KEEPING IT QUIET IS ONE THING, BUT THIS--
HERE WE GO.
I'M THE BARONESS'S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN. NOT TO MENTION AN OFFICER. I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DOOM--
DOOM IS LIES!

...
THAT'S BLASPHEMY.
HELL YEAH, IT IS. AND IT'S ABOUT DAMNED TIME.
DOC, THEY'RE LYING TO US. THE BARONESS IS LYING. DOOM IS LYING.
IF THAT IS TRUE--AND I DON'T CONCEDE THAT IT IS--THEN I'M SURE THEY'VE GOT GOOD REASON.
NO, YOU'RE NOT. YOU'RE A WOMAN OF SCIENCE--
--WHO IS NOT GOING TO STAND HERE AND LISTEN TO YOU BLASPHEME--
YEAH, YA ARE.


YOU HAVE DOUBTS. I KNOW YOU DO, DOC.
ALL THOSE TESTS YOU ORDERED...ALL THOSE TESTS I DIDN'T NEED...
YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE MYTH.
"DOOM, IN HIS WISDOM, CHOSE THE CHILD CAROL DANVERS...
"TO HER, HE GAVE GREAT STRENGTH... TO BE OUR SHIELD...
"THE POWER OF FLIGHT... TO BE OUR WINGS...
"AND GREAT COURAGE... TO BE OUR CHAMPION."
BUT YOU'VE SEEN EVIDENCE OF DOOM'S MAGIC BEFORE, YOU KNOW WHAT MAGIC LOOKS LIKE ON A BODY.
I'M NOT MAGIC. I'M SOMETHING ELSE.
...YES.

I KNEW IT! I TOLD YOU! DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
SO, IT'S THE VOID. SHE'S FROM THE VOID?
WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THERE? HOW FAR UP DO YOU THINK IT GOES?
WHY? WHY ARE THEY KEEPING THE TRUTH FROM US?
THEY WANT THE POWER ALL FOR THEMSELVES. IF WE BECOME GODS WE'RE A THREAT.
NOT EVERYBODY AT ONCE!
IF CAP'S POWERS COME FROM THE VOID, AND WE GET THERE...WE'LL GET THOSE POWERS TOO, WON'T WE?
THIS IS INSANITY. YOU ARE ALL INSANE AND YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURSELVES KILLED.
ARE YOU GOING TO REPORT US?
I... I DON'T KNOW. RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO GO HOME AND I'M GOING TO HAVE A DRINK AND TOMORROW I'M GOING TO FORGET ANY OF THIS EVER HAPPENED.
OR AM I A PRISONER NOW TOO?
LET HER GO.
WE START IN THE MORNING.

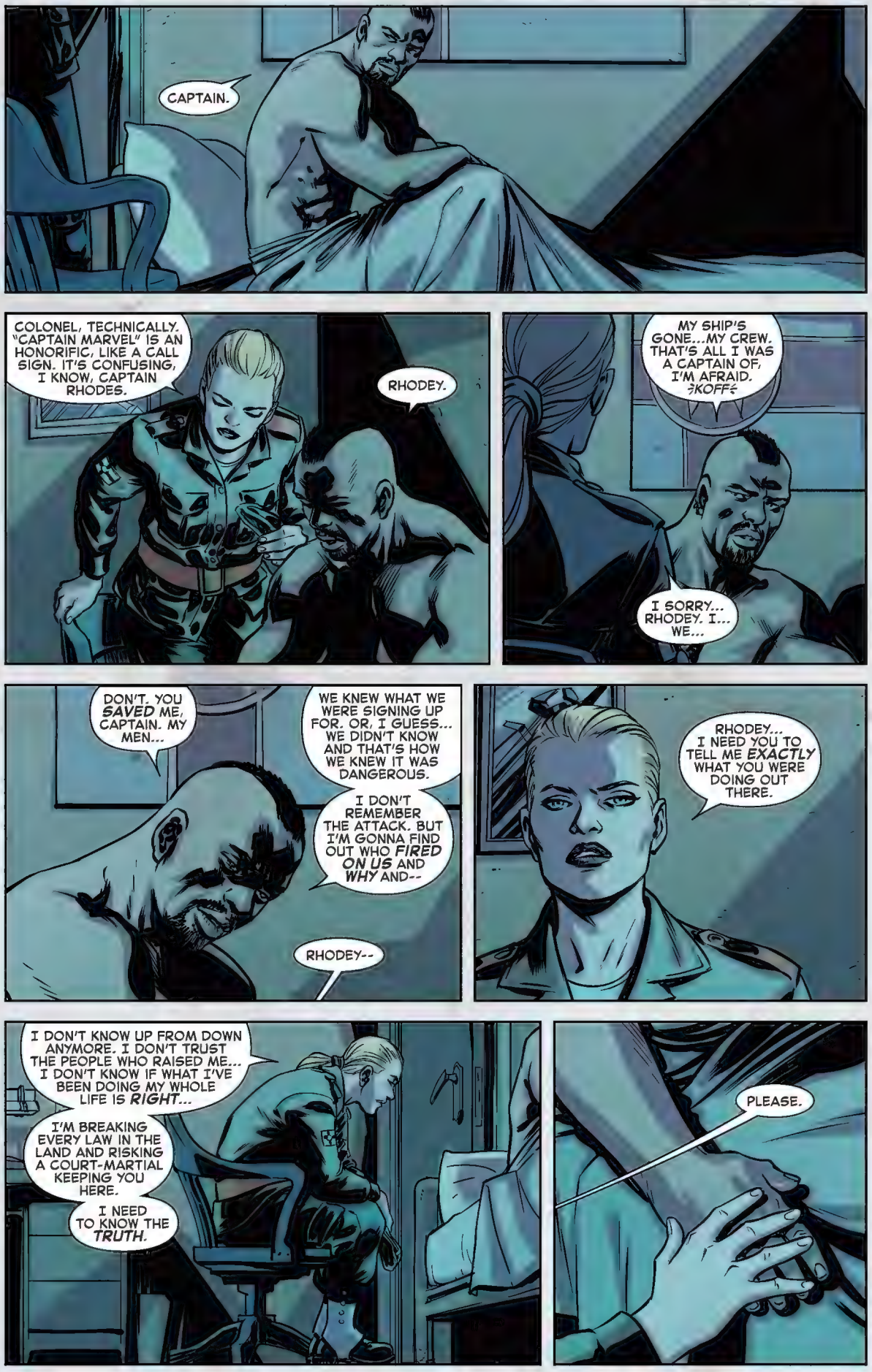

"ALL RIGHT THEN. HERE'S HOW IT'S GOING TO GO...
"MACKIE IS GOING TO LEAD THE WORK RETROFITTING OUR PLANES, TURNING THEM INTO ROCKETS CAPABLE OF CLEARING THE VOID.
"YOU'LL DO YOUR OWN AND JOLENE'S FIRST, MACK. SINCE THAT WILL GROUND JOLENE, SHE'LL BE YOUR FIRST ASSISTANT.
"YOU PULL THE PARTS FROM THE GRAVEYARD. IF YOU CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU NEED THERE... WELL, GET CREATIVE.
"WHEN JOLENE'S PLANE IS DONE, WE'LL ROTATE OUT. BEE IS NEXT, THEN JERRI, THEN HELEN. MINE IS LAST.
"WHILE MACKIE AND HER ROTATING ASSISTANTS ARE BUSY WITH THE RETROFITS, THE REST OF YOU NEED TO BE STRICTLY S.O.P.
"YOU'RE RUNNING DRILLS. IT'S JUST AN AVERAGE DAY. I WANT THINGS BY. THE. BOOK.
"BUT STILL US. WE'RE NEVER QUITE BY THE BOOK... ARE WE, PANCHO?"
"NO, MA'AM. THAT WE ARE NOT."
WAAAAA-HOOOOOOOO!

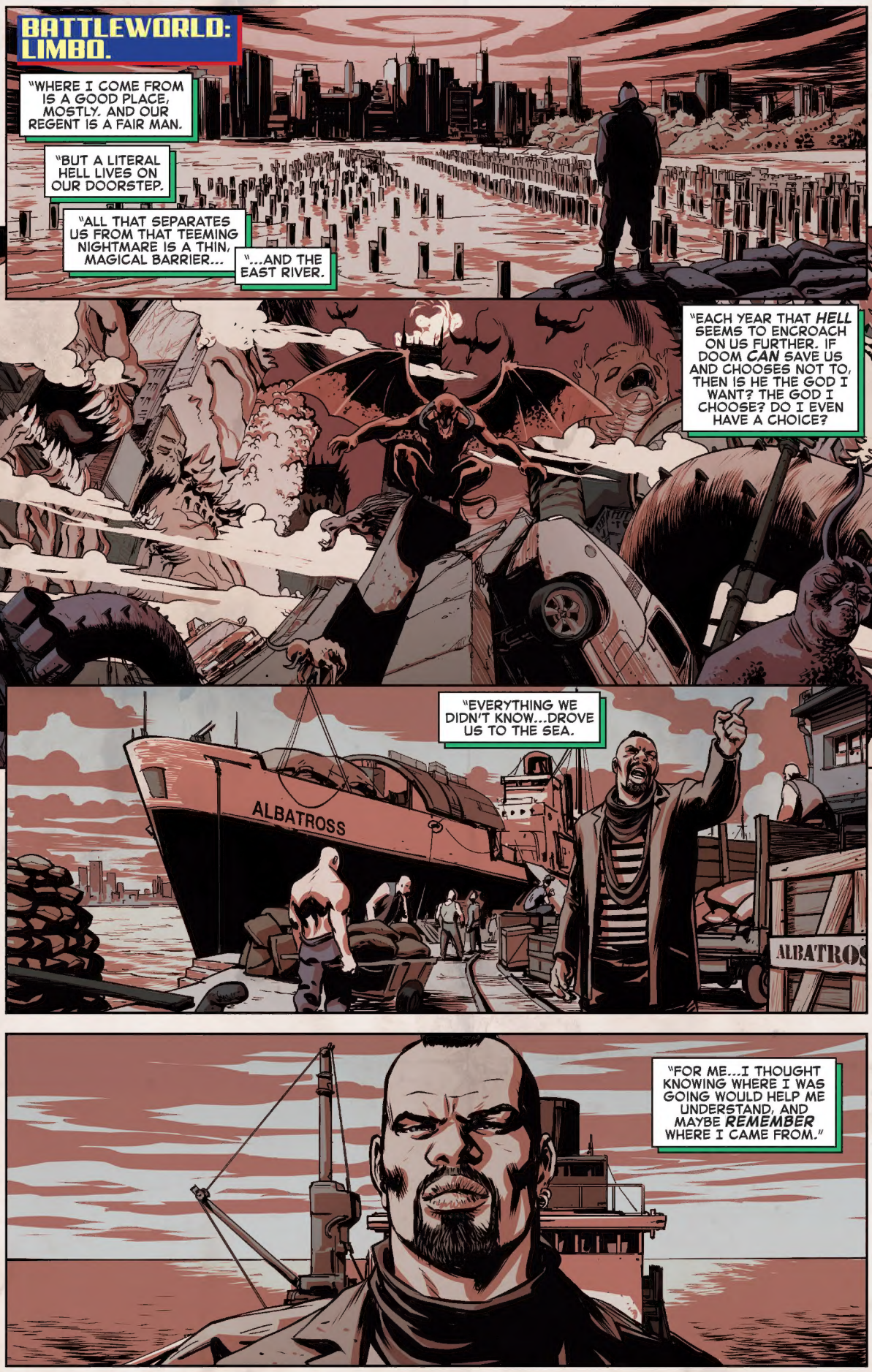
"ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS.
HOOOOOOOOOO!
"THEY'RE SURE TO BE LISTENING SO KEEP CHATTER LIGHT, CONVERSATIONAL, SAME AS ANY OTHER DAY."
OH, MAN!
WHAT'S THAT, PANCHO?
KNOCK KNOCK
I JUST REALIZED I NEVER GOT MY ULTRON FOOT!
MAYBE CAP WILL GET YOU ONE FOR CHRISTMAS.
NOT LIKELY!
"AND WHILE YOU'RE DISTRACTING THE TOWER...

"I'LL BE DISTRACTING THE BARONESS."
ONLY THREE BANSHEE SQUAD TODAY. LT. KAWASAKI IS MISSING, I BELIEVE. WHO ELSE?
McMORROW IS DOING SOME MINOR REPAIRS AND UPGRADES TO OUR FLEET. STARTING WITH LT. KAWASAKI'S SO THEY'RE SITTING OUT EXERCISES.
AND YOU?
DR. NAYAR ORDERED ME GROUNDED FOR 24 HOURS. CONCUSSION.
INDEED.
LUCKY YOU. AN OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH, THEN.
TO BE HONEST, MA'AM, I PREFER FLYING TO WATCHING OTHERS FLY.
THE FOLLY OF YOUTH.
MA'AM?
THE REAL POWER DOES NOT LIE WITH THOSE ON THE FIELD, OR IN THE AIR.

IN WAR, AS IN CHESS, THE POWER LIES WITH THOSE WHO CAN SEE THE WHOLE BOARD.
EVERY PIECE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY, BUT DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF BELIEVING THAT THEY ARE OF EQUAL VALUE.
SOMETIMES THEIR ROLE IS TO SACRIFICE THEMSELVES FOR SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THEY WILL EVER UNDERSTAND.
THE QUEEN, THE MOST POWERFUL PIECE ON THE BOARD, ONLY MOVES WHEN SHE MUST. AND WHEN SHE DOES IT IS WITH A DECISIVENESS AND BRUTALITY THAT DEFIES ALL THE OTHER PIECES.
CHECK.
THE KING, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE OBVIOUS POWER OF THE QUEEN, HAS ALL THE SYMBOLIC POWER, AND IS SO STRONG THAT HE MOVES ALMOST NOT AT ALL.
AND WHEN WE'RE NOT AT WAR?
MY DEAR, WE ARE ALWAYS AT WAR.
CHECKMATE.

HOW'S IT LOOK, MACKIE?
'BOUT DONE, ACTUALLY. FINISHING TOUCHES ON YOURS RIGHT NOW. WE'RE GOOD, I THINK.
CAN'T SAY FOR CERTAIN WITHOUT A TEST, THOUGH, AND I GOT NO IDEA HOW TO DO THAT WITHOUT PUTTING UP A SIGN THAT SAYS, "I'M BUILDING ROCKETS."
I'LL DO IT.
I DON'T THINK SHE MEANT SHE NEEDED VOLUNTEERS.
I'LL GET STARTED ON A WAY TO TEST ONE WITHOUT ALERTING THE ENTIRE BASE. WELL DONE, MACK.
CAP, WE SHOULD GO NOW. TONIGHT. BEFORE DOC HAS A CHANCE TO BLOW THE WHISTLE.
NO. WE NEED A TEST. WHOLE THING COULD BLOW UP ON THE LAUNCH-PAD FOR ALL WE KNOW.
CAROL, EVERY MINUTE WE STAY HERE WE'RE CLOSER TO A COURT-MARTIAL. CLOSER TO THE THOR CORPS COMING DOWN ON US LIKE LOCUSTS.
WE GO WHEN I *SAY* WE GO, LIEUTENANT. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?
...
...YESSIR.


CAPTAIN.
COLONEL, TECHNICALLY. "CAPTAIN MARVEL" IS AN HONORIFIC, LIKE A CALL SIGN. IT'S CONFUSING, I KNOW, CAPTAIN RHODES.
RHODEY.
MY SHIP'S GONE...MY CREW. THAT'S ALL I WAS A CAPTAIN OF, I'M AFRAID. *KOFF*
I SORRY... RHODEY. I... WE...
DON'T. YOU *SAVED* ME, CAPTAIN. MY MEN...
WE KNEW WHAT WE WERE SIGNING UP FOR. OR, I GUESS... WE DIDN'T KNOW AND THAT'S HOW WE KNEW IT WAS DANGEROUS.
I DON'T REMEMBER THE ATTACK. BUT I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHO *FIRED ON US* AND *WHY* AND--
RHODEY--
RHODEY... I NEED YOU TO TELL ME *EXACTLY* WHAT YOU WERE DOING OUT THERE.
I DON'T KNOW UP FROM DOWN ANYMORE. I DON'T TRUST THE PEOPLE WHO RAISED ME... I DON'T KNOW IF WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING MY WHOLE LIFE IS *RIGHT*...
I'M BREAKING EVERY LAW IN THE LAND AND RISKING A COURT-MARTIAL KEEPING YOU HERE.
I NEED TO KNOW THE *TRUTH*.
PLEASE.


BATTLEWORLD: LIMBO.
"WHERE I COME FROM IS A GOOD PLACE, MOSTLY. AND OUR REGENT IS A FAIR MAN.
"BUT A LITERAL HELL LIVES ON OUR DOORSTEP.
"ALL THAT SEPARATES US FROM THAT TEEMING NIGHTMARE IS A THIN, MAGICAL BARRIER...
"...AND THE EAST RIVER.
"EACH YEAR THAT *HELL* SEEMS TO ENCROACH ON US FURTHER. IF DOOM *CAN* SAVE US AND CHOOSES NOT TO, THEN IS HE THE GOD I WANT? THE GOD I CHOOSE? DO I EVEN HAVE A CHOICE?
"EVERYTHING WE DIDN'T KNOW...DROVE US TO THE SEA.
ALBATROSS
ALBATROS
"FOR ME...I THOUGHT KNOWING WHERE I WAS GOING WOULD HELP ME UNDERSTAND, AND MAYBE *REMEMBER* WHERE I CAME FROM."

YOU'RE LAUGHING. THAT'S NOT COOL.
NO. NO, NOT AT ALL. I... JUST...
YOU LOOKED OUT, I LOOKED UP.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SKY.
CAN'T SAY I'VE EVER THOUGHT OF THE SKY THAT WAY.
WHAT DID YOU FIND?
I HAVEN'T YET.
"BUT I'M GONNA...

"...SOON."
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HEY! STOP!
PANCHO
FWOOOOOSSSSHHHH
HELEN...!

KA-
BOOOOMMM
TO BE CONTINUED!